

Dear State Legislators,

We no longer have a Covid emergency. Most everyone has either been vaccinated or has already gotten Covid-19 and therefore has the antibodies, or both. Masks have been shown to be useless and receiving the vaccine will not prevent anyone from getting Covid. Bottom line we are back to normal. There is absolutely no reason to extend the relaxation of absentee voting application rules to include Covid-19 which in effect means that anyone can legally request an absentee ballot.

Absentee ballots are a good and necessary thing, but only if there is a need to vote by absentee ballot. Mailing applications carte blanche to every voter or enabling voters to legally request absentee ballots for nonsensical reasons such as Covid, will only result in voter fraud.

In the campaign for the BOE in Guilford last Fall, the chairman of the campaign for the Democrat and Republican BOE candidates illegally sent out unrequested, pre-filled in absentee ballot applications to every registered Democrat and Unaffiliated voter in Guilford. He also stamped his signature on each application in violation for this signature to be a "wet signature". Any requested application received as a result of this mailing was approved. I wonder how many of these resulted in fraudulent ballots being cast?

Unrestricted mail in absentee ballots will result in voter fraud. It is absolute madness. If we don't ensure voter integrity, we become a banana republic. Every legal vote should count and needs to be counted, but please do not negate legal votes by encouraging illegal absentee ballots which will certainly result fraudulent absentee votes.

I urge you all to vote no on S.B.184 and H.B. 5262.

Thank you for your attention.

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